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7 (New). A method for treating bone comprising the steps of:

inserting inside bone a device comprising a body adapted to undergo expansion in cancellous bone to compact cancellous bone, the body including material that plastically deforms as a result of the expansion in cancellous bone, and

expanding the body in the cancellous bone to plastically deform the body while compacting cancellous bone, whereby the body cannot be relied upon to reach a desired geometry during subsequent expansion in bone,

removing the plastically deformed body from the bone, and

instructing against reuse of the plastically deformed body.

8 (New). A method according to claim 7

further including the step of displacing at least a portion of a cortical bone section of the bone while the body expands in cancellous bone.

9 (New). A method for treating bone comprising the steps of:

inserting inside cortical bone a device comprising a body adapted to undergo expansion in cortical bone to displace at least a portion of the cortical bone, the body including material that plastically deforms as a result of the expansion in cortical bone,

expanding the body in the cancellous bone to plastically deform the body while displacing at least a portion of the cortical bone, whereby the body cannot be relied upon to reach a desired geometry during subsequent expansion in bone,

removing the plastically deformed body from the bone, and

instructing against reuse of the plastically deformed body.

10 (New). A method according to claim 7 or 9

wherein the material comprises vinyl.

11 (New). A method according to claim 7 or 9

wherein the material comprises nylon.

12 (New). A method according to claim 7 or 9

wherein the material comprises polyethylene.

13 (New). A method according to claim 7 or 9

wherein the material comprises an ionomer.

14 (New). A method according to claim 7 or 9
wherein the material comprises polyurethane.

15 (New). A method according to claim 7 or 9
wherein the material comprises polyethylene tetraphthalate.

16 (New). A material according to claim 7 or 9
wherein the material comprises latex.

17 (New). A method according to claim 7 or 9
wherein the material comprises silicone.